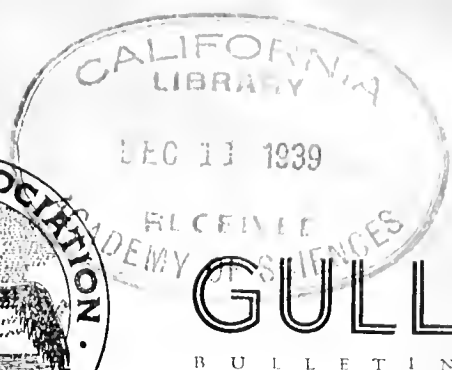


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Birds Found on Treasure Island

At the request of some of the members of the Association I am publishing my records and a few others of the wild birds found on Treasure Island. I did not make a careful search for birds but merely recorded those that crossed my path as I wandered over that beautiful place. There were thirty species, which are given below in the order observed.

English Sparrow: These birds were noted about the entrance of the Exposition from February 19th until the close. They were also seen along the Avenue of Palms and in the foreign section.

California Gull: On February 19th many were seen on the Lake of Nations, but with the coming of the nesting season they, of course, left. On July 29th one lone individual was seen on the Retreat Plaza in front of the Federal Building. On October 20th this species was returning in numbers.

Mr. Laidlaw O. Williams of Carmel, California, noted a group of California Gulls on the grounds of the parking area October 25th. He discovered among them one immature gull banded RS-Y and on October 28th he saw an immature gull banded SB-B and two banded RS-Y. The birds wearing bands RS-Y were banded at Salt Lake, Utah, in 1939, and are the first color-banding record of Salt Lake birds in California. The SB-B banded bird was from Mono Lake, California, and was banded this year. The request for records of this kind was first made to our members in the October, 1937, GULL, but it fell to one of our out-of-town members to find the first record.

Glaucous-winged Gull: A few were seen February 19th on the Lake of Nations, and not again until October 27th, when the first bird returned for the winter.

House Finch: From February 20th, when first noted, until the close of the Exposition, a few could be seen and heard singing, especially along the Avenue of Palms.

Audubon Warbler: First noted by Gordon Bolander on February 12th before the opening of the Exposition; on the 20th I saw one. They were again reported by Gordon Bolander on October 8th and from the 20th to the close of the Exposition were quite numerous all over the Island.

Cedar Waxwing: About 100 eating the olives in the trees along the Avenue of Olives March 7th. Several persons spoke to me about them and asked what birds they were. On November 18th, after the close of the Exposition, Gordon Bolander also observed them on the island.

Anna Hummingbird: This species was first noticed on March 20th, and was common in all the gardens during the Exposition and no doubt are still there. On May 12th two of them were seen in the Hall of Flowers and sometimes as many as four were seen there. They were the cause of a great deal of attention, especially from Eastern people who were acquainted only with the smaller Ruby-throated Hummingbird.

Nuttall Sparrow: First heard singing on March 20th, and were quite plentiful about the grounds during the Exposition.

White-winged and Surf Scoters: These were about the piers March 31st.

Farallon Cormorant: On March 31st two of these birds flew towards the Island and perched upon two piles near the Coast Guard Station on the eastern side of the Island. On October 22nd, one was seen flying over the Exposition.

Western Robin: March 31st while I was listening to the Franko Goldman Band in the Court of Honor, a robin alighted upon the top of one of the Elephant Towers and could be heard singing while the band was playing. On April 17th in the early morning I heard them singing along the Avenue of Palms together with Nuttall Sparrows and House Finches.

California Jay: One was seen in the Shasta-Cascade garden on April 17th.

San Francisco Towhee: June 8th one was seen in the top of a bush in front of the Administration Building. Some days later in the Court of the Moon one was seen to fly with food in its mouth and the young were heard calling, but I could not locate the nest.

Barn Swallow: on June 12th one was seen to fly from the Hawaiian Building. On July 7th three were seen, an adult feeding young perched on a lantern overhanging the shore of the Lake of Nations. On the 13th four were seen flying up and down the Court of Seven Seas. My last date for this species was July 29th.

Western Kingfisher: Mrs. R. M. Sims told me of seeing a bird of this species, but it was not until August 14th that I saw one fly over the Shasta-Cascade garden and on September 15th another flew over the rose garden in the rear of the Hall of Flowers. On the 29th I again saw one fly over the Shasta-Cascade garden.

Western Gnatcatcher: One was seen in the Shasta-Cascade garden August 14th.

Green-winged Teal: On July 31st a female Green-winged Teal was seen on the Lake of Nations; she was again seen on August 31st and September 17th. This bird was also seen by Gordon Bolander on November 18th.

Cinnamon Teal: On September 17th a male Cinnamon Teal was seen and from then on to the close of the Exposition the above-mentioned Green-winged female and this male Cinnamon Teal were together. They were also seen by Gordon Bolander on November 18th. Green-winged and Cinnamon Teal were brought to the Shasta-Cascade Building and upon inquiry I found that these were not the birds seen on the Lake of Nations.

Lutescent Warbler: One was seen in the garden of the California Building September 15th, 25th and October 2nd, and one in the foreign section October 22nd.

Song Sparrow: September 15th one was seen in the Hall of Flowers apparently very much bewildered as he flew from the top of one tall palm at one end of the building to another palm at the other end. Later they were noted in several places about the grounds.

Black Phoebe: Dr. Robert Miller told of seeing a Black Phoebe near the Redwood Empire Building, and on September 24th Robert Taylor saw one near the California Building. On September 25th I saw one in the Court of Flowers and on October 2nd one was on the Mines and Metals Building. From October 20th until the close of the Exposition several were seen in the Court of Flowers.

Yellow Warbler: Mrs. Vira Scott saw one on September 23rd, and on October 8th Gordon Bolander reported picking up a dead one. On October 6th as I was entering the Hall of Flowers one was feeding in a bush near the door.

American Pipit: I saw several flying over the Court of Pacifica on October 8th, and Gordon Bolander reported them on the same day and again on November 18th.

Meadowlark: Gordon Bolander reported seeing two of these birds fly over the sports field at the northern end of the Exposition, October 8th.

Burrowing Owl: On October 8th Gordon Bolander saw a bird of this species alight on the lawn in front of the Federal Building at dusk, but it was flushed almost immediately. On October 28th, as Mr. Stephens and I were coming down the road from the Stockyards a Burrowing Owl flew overhead and alighted in the practice golf course; a little later we saw one fly over the Gayway, perhaps the same bird.

Barn Owl: On the evening of October 21st, as Mr. Stephens and I entered the court of the Shasta-Cascade Building, an owl arose from the ground and flew

over the fence, which from its size and color we believe was this species. One had previously been reported near the Hall of Transportation by Mr. B. K. Dunshee. On November 18th Gordon Bolander found this owl and also several pellets which upon examination were found to contain the skulls and bones of eighteen gophers, nine house mice and four house rats.

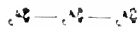
Ring-necked Duck: A female was seen on the Lake of Nations from October 12th to the close of the Exposition.

Western Gull: One seen on the Lake of Nations October 27th and by Gordon Bolander on November 18th.

Geese: On the evening of October 27th while sitting in Treasure Garden we saw four geese fly over but were unable to identify the species.

In addition to some of the above records, Gordon Bolander also observed on November 18th the following eleven species, making a total of forty-one: Western Grebe, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Sparrow Hawk, Quail, Coot, Herring Gull, Bonaparte Gull, Red-shafted Flicker, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Myrtle Warbler, and Green-backed Goldfinch.

Laura A. (Mrs. Albert B.) Stephens.



November Field Trip

The November field trip was held on the 12th at Lake Merced, usually the site of the October trip. It was an exceptionally warm day for this season of the year. The party gathered at the head of "Bryant Canyon"; this approach to the lake was deemed advisable as the other canyon had been burned over in preparation for the new college to be erected there.

While the party moved down the canyon via the road, Mr. Myer and one of his scouts followed the old water flume along the south side, thereby adding several welcome species that we otherwise would have missed. The presence of a small boy with an air-gun did little for the peace of the birds or for the growth of our list.

Our observations throughout the day were of an ordinary nature and little was seen to excite particular comment. However, a Burrowing Owl at the south end of the large lake was quite obliging and allowed some excellent views of himself. The antics of Western Grebes on the lake also proved interesting. They were going through all the movements usually ascribed to courtship displays, ducking their heads, elevating the head-feathers, and once a pair was seen as they "walked" side by side along the surface of the water. Another bird was seen as it apparently begged for food from two other individuals, each of which seemed larger and darker than the first one. Once an exchange of materials actually took place but the nature of the substance could not be determined.

Tule Wrens, ordinarily very common, were noted at only one spot. Their scarcity was doubtless due to the disturbance of the birds by the boats of the bass fishermen.

Luncheon was eaten at the pumping station and the usual route along the west shore was followed in the afternoon. Several species which were expected, most notably the Bittern and the Barn Owl, could not be found. As mentioned above, the principal part of our observations were of the more common species, but they eventually totaled the respectable sum of sixty-nine, and we were indeed satisfied as we closed the day's birding with some fine views of three beautiful Redhead Ducks. The list is as follows: Loon (species ?); Western, Eared and Pied-billed Grebes; Farallon Cormorant; California Heron; Mallard, Baldpate, Cinnamon Teal, Redhead, Ring-necked and Ruddy Ducks; Red-breasted Merganser; Sharp-shinned, Red-tailed and Sparrow Hawks; Quail; Sora; Coot; Killdeer; Wilson Snipe; Glaucous-winged, Western, Herring, California and Short-billed Gulls; Burrowing Owl; Anna Hummingbird; Kingfisher; Red-shafted Flicker; Black and Say Phoebe; Horned Lark; California Jay; Bush-tit; Chickadee; Red-breasted Nuthatch; Wren-tit; Vigors Wren; Tule Wren; Western Robin; Hermit Thrush; Western Bluebird; Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglets; Pipit; Cedar Waxwing; Shrike; Hutton Vireo; Myrtle, Audubon and Townsend Warblers; Yellow-throat; Meadowlark; Red-winged, Tricolored and

Brewer Blackbirds; English Sparrow; Purple and House Finches; Pine Siskin; Willow Goldfinch; Spotted Towhee; Junco; Savannah, White-crowned (Nuttall and Gambel), Golden-crowned, Fox and Song Sparrows.

Members attending were Mr. and Mrs. Stephens; Mesdames Courtright, Kelly; Misses Papina, Roscoe, Werner; Messrs. Bolander, Myer, Power and seven guests.

Gordon Bolander, Leader and Historian.



Audubon Notes

December Meeting: The regular meeting will be held on Thursday, the 14th, in the Ferry Building.

The speaker will be Mr. Thos. L. Rodgers, in charge of Reptile and Amphibian collections of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology of the University of California. His subject will be "Reptiles and Amphibians of the Bay Region."

Members may bring guests.



Directors' Meeting: There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors at 6:30 p. m. in the office of Mr. B. K. Dunshee, room 714, 245 Market Street.



December Field Trip: There will be no regular field trip in December. In its place the annual Christmas census will be taken. Will those willing to volunteer in this work, please get in touch with either Mrs. Kelly or Mrs. Stephens on or before the regular meeting on the 14th.



November Meeting: The 267th regular meeting was held on the 9th, in the Ferry Building, with forty-one members and guests present. Mrs. Kelly presided.

Miss MacIver reported that the Field Museum of Chicago had purchased the

Louis B. Bishop collection of 50,000 North American bird skins.

Mr. Milton S. Ray brought to the meeting a number of records of bird songs, two of which were American and the others European. The European records were made out in the woods so that, in some cases, the main song was heard clearly against a faint background of a bird chorus. Among the European records were several of the English Nightingale recorded from a garden in Oxstead. After the playing of the records, Mrs. Ray read several of Mr. Ray's new poems.



Observations: The following observations have been reported:

Gordon Bolander: Lake Merced, November 19th, Florida Gallinule, Shoveler, Gadwall, Virginia Rail, Canvasback, Duck Hawk, not seen day of field trip.

Mr. Bradley: Geyser Road at Little Sulphur Creek crossing, November 6th, 500+ Band-tailed Pigeons.

Mrs. Kelly: Chain of Lakes, Golden Gate Park, October 14th, five Shovelers; Alameda, 28th, two Avocets; Chain of Lakes, November 8th, Creeper.

Mr. Nichols: Aquatic Park, Berkeley, October 29th, one Red Phalarope.

Miss Werner: Golden Gate Park, October 28th, two Black-crowned Night Herons, Cooper Hawk.

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